

Tenement Troubles Answer Key

1. **Hardships:** Overcrowding, lack of light, poor ventilation, limited space.
2. **Health risks:** Disease from poor sanitation, smoke inhalation, fires, unsafe drinking water.
3. **Reason for staying:** Families could not afford better housing and needed to live near factories for work.
4. **Population impact:** Rapid growth led to more overcrowding, limited resources, and worsening sanitation.
5. **Varies by student response;** acceptable answers should reference specific details from the passage.

Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide vocabulary support for key terms like *tenement*, *ventilation*, and *sanitation*.
 - Offer sentence starters ("One hardship was...", "One health risk included...") for emerging writers.
 - Encourage advanced students to compare tenement life in different cities such as London and New York.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Have students draw a labeled sketch of a tenement room based on the passage.
 - Conduct a short "museum walk" with printed images of real tenements for visual connection.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Ask students to write a diary entry from the perspective of a factory worker's child describing life in a tenement.
 - Link this lesson to early urban reformers like Jacob Riis and discuss how his photographs led to social change.